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| Application No. 09/921,921 |) | Examiner: L. S. Nguyen |
| Filed: August 6, 2001 |) | |
| For: ELECTRON BEAM ALIGNER, OUT- |) | |
| GASSING COLLECTION METHOD |) | |
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REQUEST FOR REFUND
(IMPROPER CHARGE TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)

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This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2380, shown on the statement dated July, 2004, for the above-identified patent. A copy of the monthly statement indicating this charge accompanies this request.

The \$180.00 fee was incorrectly charged for an Information Disclosure Statement.

On July 13, 2004 an Amendment After Final Office Action was filed in the USPTO which included a PTO-1449 Form. As stated in this Amendment:

"as noted by MPEP Chapter § 609 at C(3), since the partial translations of Takashi et al. and Kazuoka have been submitted as evidence in response to the issues of patentability raised by the Examiner in the new grounds of rejection set forth in the final Office Action of March 17,

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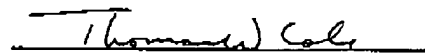
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2004, there is no need to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 or 1.98; however, for the Examiner's convenience each partial translation is set forth on a PTO-1449A form attached hereto."

See Amendment dated July 13, 2004, page 7, last paragraph.

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that a total refund in the amount of \$180.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740819-595).

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